



Ward Flexibility Funding Application Form

Thank you for your interest in Stockport Council's Ward Flexibility Fund. To give your group the best chance of success please read the guidance notes and the questions on the application form carefully.

Please ensure that all boxes on this form are completed. You must also include all additional information that is requested.

1. About Your Organisation

1. Name of Organisation/ Group

Heaton Mersey Village Conservation Group -HMVCG CIC

2. Organisation/Individual Address

3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Title: Ms

Name:

Role: HMVCG CIC Director

Address:

Postcode:

Home Phone Number:

Mobile Phone Number:

Email Address:

4. Please provide your bank account details

Account Name:

Account Number:

Sort Code:

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5. What is the status of your Organisation/ Group?

Please Tick

A New Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	Voluntary Organisation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A Registered Charity No.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Company Limited by Guarantee No. 13207659	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Applying for Charitable Status	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unregistered Association	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friendly Society	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Please specify) CIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Housing Association	<input type="checkbox"/>		

6. Please describe the main activities of your Organisation/ Group

HMVCG CIC is a volunteer led group, committed to help build wider community infrastructure;improving access to green space and the natural environment for all not some. By enhancing the environment and increasing awareness of green space we look to promote social and environmental wellbeing and a thriving and resilient community.

7. When was your Organisation/Group established?

HMVCG became a constituted community group over 20 years ago in 1999. Prior to the COVID 19 outbreak the HMVCG steering group had established a review of HMVCG structure and development opportunity. This review was then developed during lockdown through a social enterprise support scheme in 2020 and it was decided that HMVCG form a community interest company in 2021 in response to the need to further progress work over the long term.

8. Does your organisation have the following policies and procedures in place?

If you are awarded a grant you will be required to send copies of all relevant documents as part of the grant agreement.

A governance/management committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A Constitution/governing document/set of rules	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
An Equal Opportunities Policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A Child Protection Policy (where necessary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A Health and Safety Public liability (Friends of the Park- access to limited SMBC cover)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2. About Your Application

9. Please give us a brief description of your proposed/planned project or activity

You may wish to include details of what activities will take place, where will it happen, how often and who will take part. If you are applying for equipment you can tell us what will it be used for and why is it needed.

HMVCG is currently developing several major park renovation projects. This has commenced with the creation of a bog garden, running along the Heaton Mersey Park retaining wall on Vale Close. The bog garden is to boost biodiversity and create a gateway into a planned green space sculpture trail which will be launched on 26 November 2023 in Heaton Mersey Park.

A community consultation exercise was undertaken in 2017-18 by HMVCG in relation to the role of the arts in helping residents and visitors to connect with the environment and green space. A subsequent bid was prepared for funding for an art installation. Unfortunately, this funding bid was not successful but community interest in the proposal remained high.

On the untimely death of HMVCG's treasurer in 2019 the proposal was resurrected, and a Just Giving Campaign was launched to kick start the sculpture trail. Two sculptures have been commissioned with Helen Denerley, an award winning international artist (with close family ties in Stockport) whose practice is based on utilising recycled materials. The two sculptures will be installed by the entrance of the park and will create a focus for residents and tourists and have a positive economic impact as well as supporting community wellbeing. Through further fund raising more sculptures will follow, joining up green space along the Mersey Vale Nature Park and Sidings Community Orchard.

We have commissioned an internationally renowned composer and choral director to lead a community singing for wellbeing workshop across several venues, including the park on 26 November 2023 to launch the sculpture trail. For a nominal fee he will provide workshops, sound equipment and professional indemnity insurance and PLI. As a bonus he will bring the BBC Pitch Battle choir to Stockport to work with our very own community choir, Do Your Thing, in the provision of this important community engagement activity. This event and its promotion will bring high profile media interest to the Heaton.

10. Who will benefit from this grant?

e.g. local residents, young people, older people and how?

From our consultation exercise we believe residents across Stockport will benefit from this art installation and launch event as it will provide an invitation to explore the green space.

This no-cost community, family oriented-all age event will provide much needed, quality entertainment and the opportunity to get involved, to try something new in a safe space. Likewise, it will provide a real boost to a local community choir in terms of their development. It will also promote access to non-clinical prescribing to boost mental wellbeing by encouraging now and future access to green space by taking the opportunity to highlight the green assets and choirs that we have in the Heaton community.

10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?

We believe this art-work launch will generate substantial interest across the Heatons and further across the borough and beyond. On the launch event we plan to attract at least 250 residents. And subsequently by connecting this development to regular park task days with residents and a developing CSR programme with local and national businesses and other partner community groups, we anticipate further engagement with over 1,000 green space volunteers. Our overall ambition is to increase the profile of the need to address sustainable development through community efforts.

10(b) Are there any restrictions on who will benefit from the funding?

This HMVCG workstream is focused on all our local community. We currently have a number of allied projects which are specifically focused on ensuring access to the diverse community interest groups that exist within the Heatons, including : Heatons Muslim Community Trust, Sign Post Carers and Venture Out.

11. Your Project's Budget

Please provide a breakdown of cost for your project including VAT where applicable and submit any estimates for the purchase of equipment or work to be done.

11(a) How much will the project/activity cost in total?

£8,000.00 plus vat -sculptures x2 and installation
£1,000.00 musical director package includes (workshops, equipment, event insurance and expenses)
£300.00 event refreshments for community participants

Total £9,300.00 plus VAT

11(b) Tell us about other any other sources of income you have already applied for or raised so far in relation to this project

We have currently raised £2,500.00 through Just Giving.
We have received a commitment from local businesses and benefactor for a further £4,000.00. The rest will come from further HMVCG resources, grant applications and planned community fund raising events over the summer.

12. How much are you applying for from the Ward Flexibility Budget?

£999.00

12(a) If the amount you are applying for covers only part of the project/activity, then please tell us how do you intend to fund any shortfall?

Please see above explanation.

13. What is the planned timescale for spending this grant?

Start November 2023

Finish November 2023

The grant will be spent during the month of November 2023.

3. Which Wards are you Applying to?

You may tick more than one box. Please note that no grant of more than £1,000 in totality will ordinarily be made.

Please tell us for each ward you wish to make an application to:-

- (a) how many people will benefit in that ward; and
(b) what proportion of funding from your overall application you are seeking from each ward.

		Number of beneficiaries	How much funding you are seeking
Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee			
Bramhall North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Bramhall South & Woodford	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Cheadle Hulme South	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Central Stockport Area Committee			
Brinnington & Central	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Davenport & Cale Green	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Edgeley & Cheadle Heath	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Manor	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Cheadle Area Committee			
Cheadle & Gatley	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Cheadle Hulme North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Heald Green	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Heatons & Reddish Area Committee			
Heatons North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Heatons South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	250	£999.00
Reddish North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Reddish South	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Marple Area Committee			
Marple North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Marple South	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Stepping Hill Area Committee			
Hazel Grove	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Offerton	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Stepping Hill	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Werneth Area Committee			
Bredbury & Woodley	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Bredbury Green & Romiley	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Totals			£999.00

This total should add up to
the figure you provided in
Question 12



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4. Application Checklist and Declaration

1. I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the above organisation ☒
2. I certify that the information contained in this application is correct ☒
3. If the information changes in any way I will inform Democratic Services accordingly. ☒
4. I give permission for Democratic Services to contact my organisation and/or myself by phone, mail or e-mail with information about its activities and funding opportunities. ☒
5. I/ we agree (if required) to attend an Area Committee meeting to explain how the proposal will improve the environmental, economic or social wellbeing of the area and to answer any questions. ☒
6. Our details can be used for promotional purposes should this request be successful ☒
7. I/We will use this grant for the proposed project/activities stated in our application. ☒
8. I/we will not use the grant for any other purpose prior to contacting Democratic Services in order to seek authorisation. ☒
9. I/we will provide appropriate proof of expenditure to Democratic Services, within 12 months from the Grant being made. ☒
10. I/we will highlight the support of the Area Committee in recent publicity material. ☒
11. I/we agree to providing information to assist in the future monitoring of the effectiveness of the funding including reporting back to the Area Committee on how the grant has been spent and what difference it has made. ☒
12. I/we agree that the content of this completed application form and any supplementary information provided may be published on the Council's website and other publications as part of the application process. ☒

Print your name:

Signature:

or if submitted electronically tick this box to signify your agreement to the above terms ☒

Date: 17/07/2023